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Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) in New Guinea

The Black-tailed Godwit has been only rarely recorded as a passenger migrant or winter visitor in New Guinea. MAYR ("List of New Guinea Birds", 1941: 30) mentions only one instance, from Astrolabe Bay, N. E. New Guinea. Recently field observations from southern New Guinea (Merauke, Koembe) on 16 Feb., 23 March and 1 June have been published by VAN ASSEM (*Ardea* 48, 1960:180). These have now been confirmed by the following record of two specimens of *Limosa limosa melanuroides* GOULD also from the surroundings of Merauke, southern New Guinea, collected by A. MONSANTO. Both specimens are now in the Zoological Museum of the University of Amsterdam.

Nr. 17.016. ♀, 6 May 1959. Wing 195+, bill (exposed culmen) 88, tarsus ca. 64 mm. Bill grey; legs grey. Plumage greyish-brown, with strongly abraded primaries. The bird had a thick subcutaneous layer of fat and showed moult of small feathers on upper parts and neck (collector's note).

Nr. 17.017. ♂. Date unknown. Wing 196, bill 77, tarsus 62 mm. Bill black with yellow basal half; legs black. Plumage mainly reddish brown, with moult of small feathers on neck and head. A thick layer of subcutaneous fat. Testes small (collector's note).

L. limosa melanuroides is a palaeartic breeding bird and is among other localities known as wintering in North Australia.

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